

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Daley and his Supervisor for conducting a telephonic interview with Applicant's attorney, Robert G. Hartman, on January 14, 2008. Applicant also thanks Examiner Daley for several follow-up phone calls to with Applicant's attorney on January 15, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's attorney traversed the Office's rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). For instance, Applicant's attorney respectfully submitted that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest each of the independent claims. Applicant's attorney also submitted that the cited references, including the "Pirolli" reference, fail to disclose or suggest dependent claims 12 and 13. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiners to agree that the currently-cited references fail to disclose or suggest these dependent claims.

Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant's attorney also proposed amending the independent claims. Applicant's attorney understood the Examiners to state that if Applicant were to make such amendments, the Office would deem the claims allowable at least over the references of record.

Applicant thanks the Examiners for this indication, as well as for their courtesy shown by interviewing this matter. Applicant herein amends the independent claims as discussed during the interview.